

Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/053,115

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 03/09/2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4,6-16,18-24,26,28-33,35 and 37-40.
3. The drawings filed on 17 January 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
 of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
 Paper No./Mail Date 03/10/05.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

Response to Amendment

This office action is in response to the amendments filed on 03/09/2005.

Claims 1-2, 4, 6-16, 18-24, 26, 28-33, 35 and 37-40 are pending for examination, claims 1, 4, 15, 18, 23, 26, 32 and 35 have been amended, claims 3, 5, 17, 25, 27 and 36 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-2, 4, 6-16, 18-24, 26, 28-33, 35 and 37-40 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 15, 23 and 32 are allowable because the prior art on record or that encountered in searching for the invention, fails to disclose or suggest the features of instant invention – a digital library having defined assets classes that coupled to a user interface and at least one application program to provide definition attributes for each asset class with the attribute object types for the defined attributes comprising at least one database object type and text file type, such that the at least one application program can use the definition of the attributes object types to query asset object instances in different data structure formats for the heterogeneous objects in a combination as claimed by applicant.

Claims 2, 4, 6-16, 18-22, 24, 26, 28-31, 33, 35 and 37-40 are respectively depend on claims 1, 15, 23 and 32 therefore are allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Susan Y Chen whose telephone number is 571-272-4016. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on 571-272-4023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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